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At about 1800 hours on 23 June 1953, Soviet naval vessels [REDACTED] were sighted off Porkkala (N 59-59, E 24-26) in the Gulf of Finland on a channel stretch marked by red and white buoys. Ship [REDACTED] carried an apparatus at her foremast, which was probably a radar scanner. These vessels were about 45 to 50 meters long; they had one stack, a single gun on the foredeck, and two AA guns on the fantail. They had scuttles, which were painted white, on their forward sections extending from the bow to the after end of the bridge; and their hulls were painted grayish-blue. At about 1900 hours, Soviet ships [REDACTED] were sighted proceeding in line formation from Porkkala in the direction of Tallinn (N 59-26, E 24-46).¹ At 2100 hours on the same day, a large Soviet vessel with two stacks, which was probably a cruiser, was sighted about eight nautical miles from [REDACTED] it was proceeding at high speed on a south-southwesterly course.

1. [REDACTED] Comment: At 1200 hours on 23 June 1953, vessels [REDACTED] had been sighted off Porkkala. [REDACTED]

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